

SAMPLE OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS REGARDING HICKMANS EGG LAYING OPERATIONS
Provided by local area resident

Tonopah facility

- Butler--Thick dander haze, feather litter, horrible smells from manure & hens.
- Proper--Can't enjoy being outside because of the stench and flies
- Proper-- Smell of ammonia at rv park that burned my throat & caused coughing
- Tijerina --Bacterial infections from fly bites (doctor diagnosed), rashes
- Dave Dyrce-- infections all over body & arms from fly bites, He discussed this with me at our STOPP meeting in Nov.
- Leslie Saunders-- Her husband has had 3 surgeries on his throat for cancer, and has had to have his voice box removed. Since Hickman's came in, his need for oxygen use has increased immensely, and to the point where it is almost constant. She discussed this with me Jan 2nd at our STOPP meeting and said that she intended to file a complaint with the County.
- Butler-- nauseating stench
- Butler--& Campbell-- open irrigation ditch with manure waste water appears from hen houses
- Kinman -- flies, feathers dander causing breathing problems. Stage 4 cancer.
- Tijerina -- stinks like dusty burned feathers
- Kamowski-- flies & mosquitoes
- Kinman-- Stage 4 cancer. dust floating in the air causes him not to breath. Moved here to get away from pollution in town . Had to put shirt over nose to go from car to house & has to take nausea pills. Doctor says he shouldn't even go outside because of bad air.
- Kinman-- Stage 4 lung cancer. Hickman's hauling dead chickens down road & stunk so bad was nauseating & I had to shower & wash my clothes to get the stink off.
- Miller-- smells burn my nose, makes stomach upset, & headaches. Can see dust (dander) coming from hen houses. Lives 1 mi from egg plant. Smells like smelly sox & fecal matter.
- Tijerina -- flu, ear & throat infections caused by allergies (hens). During this same time Vector Control told Raul that Hickman's had bird flu at their plant so Raul thought it might be connected to them hauling off dead hens.
- Butler-- horrible, obnoxious smell like wet manure & also building had chicken feathers all around. Denying us the use of our property, or enjoying eating at local restaurant... horrible health issue with dander & breathing issues. Air smelled like wet rotting vegetables.
- Butler--we can't enjoy fly-free, odor-free meal at local restaurant & nearby families have kids with bloody noses, headaches, breathing issues & itchy skin.
- Blackson-- breathing difficult when working or exercising outside. Smells like musty rotten vegetables/manure.
- Tijerina l--itchy dust is causing plugs in the nose & makes skin & eyes itch.
- Butler, David-- moved from city to enjoy fresh air, but can't stand to stop at post office at times because of the flies & sickening air... can't enjoy restaurant for nauseating stink. ... can't enjoy my yard at times. Massive flies are unbearable at times & bite my dogs eyes causing eyes to swell & ears to bleed.
- Kamowski--dust, chicken dander, fine particles are spewed across our property. Serious health risk (their customers have complained of breathing problems, and the horrible odors have affected their business at the Hot Springs which is the neighboring property from Hickman's)
- Miller-- dander floating in air makes stomach upset & have headache
- Butler--obnoxious stench smells like feces & makes me want to vomit. Flies are horrible, invading inside & annoying, not to mention the feces getting on our food . the Hickman hen houses are piled high with manure & feathers causing smell, flies & white haze filled with dander
- Vallerie-- lives at the RV Park &complained about bad smells, 'tons' of dead birds. Birds also looked sick with no reflexes anymore & just stood on the road. Unbearable flies & can smell the bad air inside

my home & is nauseating and makes me want to gag. Guests walk around with shirts over their noses.

Tijerina-- flies covering the screens and dander sticking all over my car. (pix). Dry cough unable to sleep through the night, feel tired all the time. Dander coming from the hen houses (pix) looks like fog spreading out over the alfalfa fields (video)

My additional note (Tonopah):

Sonja Rodriguez-Lopez does not use a computer so her comments have only been verbal or through interview with TV stations. She is a single mother of 6 with two of her boys having asthma and/or bronchitis. The 13 yr old, Justin, has increasing problems with his asthma since Hickman's moved in across the street. He's made multiple trips to ER, had steroid shots, had increased medication changes, and last I heard he had been to the Children's Hospital in Phoenix. When the boys visited family in Aguila their breathing was nearly normal, and within a couple of hours of coming back home (Tonopah) Justin was sick again and going to the clinic or ER. Aguila is about 50 miles away (near Wickenburg) and Sonja decided to move in with her family in order for the boys to breathe easier. This means that she drives them into Tonopah to go to school daily.

Arlington facility

Love--Haze, burning smoke from manure, horrible stink

Proper--Awful toxic smell caused me not able to sit outside & enjoy evening... assault my lungs

Love-- burning in throat. Wakes up during night from stench. Lives off-grid near plant & has yellow acid-rain water run off his roof.

Love-- waking up abt midnight from smell of manure & urine. Smelled like stinky feet & ammonia causes throat to burn. Some nights can't get back to sleep from the smell.

Love-- awakened by Hickman's stench causing burning throat & inflaming tonsils making it hard to swallow. Odor smells like vomit which seemed to produce the burning in the throat.

Love-- Water coming off roof smells like sulfur. Wind smells like outdoor fecal matter with a hint of ammonia & the chemical smell of mothballs. The ammonia smell is probably from the decaying urine in the lagoons. Difficult to take deep breaths & my nose & throat hurts.... Inflamed sinuses.

Blackson-- stench is obnoxious & offensive. Smells like wet, rotten vegetables. Can't enjoy use of our property, or our businesses to prosper.

Love-- there's a huge brown plume rising over Hickman's that covered my area with smoky haze & smelled like burning food. It was hard to breath & caused a tightness in my chest. It also caused a headache centered behind my eyes. Their stench invades my home & can take 24 hours to leave my home. Clearly this smoke contains chemicals detrimental to my health.

Love Helen--(lives abt 3 miles from Hickman's) moved from Michigan in perfect health & health has declined because of Hickman's... can't breath... can't open windows because of smell.& have "Sick Building Syndrome". Can't sell & move because of decline in property values.

Another complaint said... brown cloud in the air & white haze at their house that smelled like burning chicken meat. Can't open windows because of stink & temperatures inside house are rising. Have Radon inside my house because closed up all the time.

Turner-- has cancer & COPD and it's hard to breath with the stench.

My additional note:

The Love family lives on the same piece of property about 3 miles upwind from the Arlington facility, and have consistent problems. The son, Steve, lives off the grid and depends on opening his windows at night to circulate fresh air. This is not an option most of the year because of the horrible stink. He has filed many complaints with the County, but nothing is done, and I don't even think they follow-up of notify the Hickman's about their many violations. He has problems with sinus, throat and breathing issues. His parents have increasing problems with breathing and have decided to sell and move. Sadly their property values have dropped to a low and may make it impossible to sell for a fair market value. Steve would be a good one to talk with about vacant properties nearby. 623-680-5692 He is a professional photographer, and has taken quite a few pictures of the haze etc at Arlington.